

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A catheter for insertion into a blood vessel of a medical patient, comprising:
a body including an interface;
said interface being the portion of said body which is inserted into the blood vessel;
said interface having an exterior surface including texture thereon.
 2. The catheter of claim 1, wherein said texture is knurling.
 3. The catheter of claim 1 wherein said texture includes a plurality of grooves cut into the exterior of said interface.
 4. The catheter of claim 1 wherein said interface includes a plurality of concentric rings integrally formed along its length.
 5. The catheter of claim 1 wherein plurality of bumps are positioned on the exterior surface of said interface.
 6. The catheter of claim 5 wherein the bumps are rounded.
 7. The catheter of claim 5 wherein the bumps are pointed.
 8. The catheter of claim 1 further including a wire guide obturator having a first end and a terminal end;
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3 said first end being secured to said interface;
4 said first end including texture thereon.

1 9. An introducer for use with a catheter,
2 comprising a sheath for receiving the catheter;
3 said sheath including texture thereon.

1 10. An intravenous stent, comprising:
2 an introducer portion having a needle extending therefrom;
3 a stent portion;
4 said stent portion capably of receiving said needle therethrough;
5 said stent portion including an introducer and a cannula through which said needle
6 extends;
7 said introducer including texture thereon.

1 11. The intravenous stent of claim 10 wherein a portion of said cannula includes
2 texture thereon.

1 12. The intravenous stent of claim 11 wherein a portion of said cannula adjacent
2 said introducer is textured.

1 13. The intravenous stent of claim 10 wherein said texture is knurling.

1 14. The intravenous stent of claim 10 wherein said texture includes a plurality of
2 grooves cut into the exterior of said interface.

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